



# Atlanta City Council District 6

Ansley Park  
Atkins Park  
Candler Park  
Druid Hills  
Little Five Points  
Midtown  
Morningside-Lenox  
Piedmont Heights

Poncey-Highland  
Virginia Highland

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## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT PROFILE '06

### PARKS

17th Street Park	Morningside Nature Preserve
Ansley Park	Noble Park
Candler Park	Oak Grove Park
Daniel Johnson Nature Preserve	Orme Park
Dellwood Park	Piedmont Park
Eubanks Park	Shadyside Park
Freedom Park	Sidney Marcus Park
Goldsboro Park	Smith Park
Herbert Taylor Park	Springdale Park
Iverson Park	Sunken Garden Park
John Howell Memorial Park	Virgilee Park
Lanier Boulevard Park	Wildwood Gardens Park
Lenox-Wildwood Park	Winn Park
McClatchey Park	Yonah Park



City Council District 6 is a diverse community of people that contains nine neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPU)s E, F and N. The District features some of Atlanta's most popular venues, including the Woodruff Arts Center, Symphony Hall and Piedmont Park.

District 6 is one of the more park-rich districts in the City, with the fourth highest park acreage among all districts. The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 6 contains nearly 448. The District also contains 69 individual parks, including 24 that are an acre or larger. No other district has more parks or more parks larger than an acre. The high number of community parks means that most residents of District 6 live within a quarter mile of a park. District 6 is the only Council District without a recreation center.

The Piedmont Park Conservancy has been extremely active for over a decade, making tremendous improvements to Atlanta's best known parks. A Park Pride survey conducted by the Schapiro Research Group found that nearly 60% of Atlanta residents had visited Piedmont Park in the last six months—the highest visitation rate of any City of Atlanta park.

In addition to the Piedmont Park Conservancy, District 6 communities strongly support their parks. Virginia Highlands has adopted and helps maintain all parks within its boundaries, and Candler Park, Midtown, Morningside and Druid Hills are active in their parks. In addition, the Freedom Park Conservancy has provided programming and other support since the park's creation.

The BeltLine project will have a tremendous impact on District 6. The transit and trail would run from Ansley Park, next to Piedmont Park and through Poncey Highlands to Freedom Park. The project will add new parkland in Virginia Highlands. Piedmont Park's North Woods expansion is considered part of the BeltLine project, and the proposed North Avenue Park abuts District 6.



*The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.*

*Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.*

*The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.*

### FAST FACTS - DISTRICT 6

Number of Parks	70
Parks ≥ 1 Acre	25
Total Park Acres	447.63
Largest Park	Piedmont
Playgrounds	13
Ballfields	6
Tennis Courts	23
Outdoor Basketball Courts	2
Recreation Centers	0